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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**H. F. No. 2539**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Civil Law and Data Practices Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to health; modifying provisions of the cancer surveillance system; amending  
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 13.3806, subdivision 14; 144.671.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 13.3806, subdivision 14, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 14. **Cancer surveillance system.** Data on individuals collected by the cancer  
1.7 surveillance system are private data on individuals classified pursuant to section 144.69.

1.8 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 144.671, is amended to read:

1.9 **144.671 CANCER SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM; PURPOSE.**

1.10 Subdivision 1. Duties. (a) The commissioner of health shall establish a statewide  
1.11 population-based cancer surveillance system. The purpose of this system is to:

1.12 (1) monitor incidence trends of cancer to detect potential public health problems, predict  
1.13 risks, and assist in investigating cancer clusters;

1.14 (2) more accurately target intervention resources for communities and patients and their  
1.15 families;

1.16 (3) inform health professionals and citizens about risks, early detection, and treatment  
1.17 of cancers known to be elevated in their communities; and

1.18 (4) promote high quality research to provide better information for cancer control and  
1.19 to address public concerns and questions about cancer.

2.1 (b) In order to implement the requirements of paragraph (a), clause (1), with the patient's  
2.2 informed consent, the commissioner shall collect the following information:

2.3 (1) information on all previous home addresses, occupations, and places of work;

2.4 (2) the time and place of any military service or service as a firefighter; and

2.5 (3) if known, possible exposure whether in the home, workplace, or elsewhere, to known  
2.6 toxic substances.

2.7 Subd. 2. **Status of data collected.** Information collected on individuals for the cancer  
2.8 registry are private data on individuals as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12, and may  
2.9 only be used for the purposes in this section. The provisions in section 13.04, subdivision  
2.10 2, also apply when collecting information on individuals under this section.